

Current Comment.

The New York man who nine fatal maladies is dead.

Thirteen nations have approved Mr. Bryan's peace plans.

A Philadelphia doctor says he has been called upon to treat many society men and women for inflammation of the muscles of the thigh, caused from dancing the "turkey trot." The disease is called "sartaritis" or "turkey leg."

The appointment of Josh Griffith to be collector at Owensboro will gratify a large number of friends of the popular Owensboro man all over Kentucky. He is honest, capable, loyal to his friends and a staunch and courageous Democrat who deserves the best his party has to bestow.

The State Journal at Frankfort has arranged for the Kentucky Press Association enroute from Louisville to Olympian Springs to stop in Frankfort Monday to inspect its new plant, one of the most modern ones in the South. The editors will be taken from Frankfort to Lexington in automobiles, where they will take the train for Olympian Springs.

The Courier-Journal has about completed the canvass of returns in its Book Contest. There were found 37 perfect answers, the one with the fewest guesses and for that reason ranking best, being John A. Goodman, of Elkton, who gets \$1000. Only 13 men were in the perfect list, but these included the first four prizes. As usual Hopkinsville is "in it" with two of the 37 fortunate ones—Miss Bessie Walker and Mrs. George Kolb, who rank 25th and 26th in the list and will get \$25.00 each.

Tribute To Mrs. Steger.

On the death on the 30th of May of Mrs. Eliza J. Steger, in her 87th year, there disappeared from our midst one of the few remaining links that bind us to the far distant past. She was a member of the William Radford family that have lived at Longview, Ky., for upwards of 100 years, and through the Radford and Killebrew families was related to many leading families of South Christian.

By her marriage in the '50's to David O. Steger, of Virginia, she became the ancestress of many descendants, leaving many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her home 30 years ago was one of the social centers of South Christian—a sort of connecting link between Hopkinsville and Clarksville.

For upwards of 50 years she had been a member of Locust Grove Baptist church. Her funeral services were conducted by the pastor of that church, Rev. H. E. Gabby. The subject of this sketch was a woman of very positive character, being pronounced in her likes and dislikes. She was warm-hearted and impulsive, generous to a fault. While she had many friends, kindred and connections on this side of the grave, the great majority were on the other side and she was no exception to the general rule that the very old get lonely, longing for their friends and kindred that have gone before.

Here For The Summer.

Mr. Tavoni, a wealthy cigar and tobacco manufacturer of New York City, who has been a purchaser on this market for several years, has been in the city a short time. He is a heavy buyer of tobacco and came to Hopkinsville to make his headquarters here and will remain until fall.

Young Enloe Lands.

B. A. Enloe, Jr., son of "Gus" Enloe, the Fusionist Leader of Tennessee, will be appointed United States Marshall of Southern Oklahoma, salary \$4,000 per annum. He now holds the position of Mayor of the city of McAllister in Oklahoma. He was endorsed by the Oklahoma Senators and by Senators Lea and Shields.

GRIFFITH FOR COLLECTOR

Wins After a Vigorous Fight Against His Appointment.

FOR THIS REVENUE DISTRICT

His Nomination is Another Victory For Senator Ollie James.

Washington, June 6.—Josh Griffith has been nominated to be collector of internal revenue.

The Griffith nomination is another victory for Senator James. It also is a defeat for Judge Hager, State Chairman Vansant, Campaign Chairman Camden and National Committeeman Mayo.

The Griffith appointment is said to have been declared on definitely when Urey Woodson was here recently.

Governor McCreary endorsed Judge Hager.

THE NEW COLLECTOR

Speaking of the appointee the Owensboro Messenger says:

"Mr. Griffith is a big upstanding Democrat, whose name is familiarly and favorably known all over Kentucky and whose influence is as great in Western Kentucky as that of any man in private life. No one is more highly honored in the community where he has lived an honorable and irreproachable life for more than fifty years. He is the soul of integrity. He is big-hearted and generous and without malice toward his fellow men. He could not stoop to do a little thing. He has been a tower of strength to the political party to which he has always given his allegiance and a notable upbuilder of the community.

He was one of the earliest advocates of the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the presidency, and not even in the darkest hour would he desert or waver in his allegiance to his favorite. Without reference to this, however, Democrats of Kentucky, Senator Ollie James and every member of congress, judges of the highest courts and others, down to the 'boys in the trenches,' who knew and loved him well, filed with the president such an array of endorsements as few men every presented at the White House."

ATTACKS END SEAT HOGS

Would Imprison Those Who Refuse to "Move Over."

New York, June 6.—The "end-seat hog" of the street car has engaged the attention of Mayor Gaynor. In a special message to the Board of Aldermen the Mayor has suggested that the "hog" be made by law to surrender his choice post.

"The habit of all selfish people, especially if they be big and fat," reads the Mayor's message, "is to take the end place on the seats of the summer cars and stick there, instead of moving along to the other end when more people get on the car. I would suggest that you consider passing an ordinance making this practice a misdemeanor. The selfishness and hoggrishness of some people in this matter is a distressing spectacle."

A resolution embodying the Mayor's views was introduced and, amid considerable merriment, referred to a committee. It provides for a maximum punishment of six months' imprisonment and a \$100 fine for anyone refusing to move along an unfilled seat when requested to do so by a person boarding the car.

Mr. Thos. C. Underwood, representing the New Era, and Mr. H. A. Long, representing the Kentuckian, will leave to-morrow for Olympian Springs to attend the meeting of the Kentucky Press Association June 9.



JOSH T. GRIFFITH

NEWLY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR THIS DISTRICT

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Youth and Beauty Radiant With Achievement of Success Which Crowns Their Efforts.

Fifteen Young Lady Graduates, Three of Whom Won Class Honors—Nine Bright Young Men on Honor Graduating Roll.

Last Thursday night was a memorable chapter in the lives of 24 pupils of the Hopkinsville High School. After years of faithful attendance at school and by diligent study from grade to grade they arrived at the parting of the ways, the reward that they had labored for so long was theirs, as they stood on the threshold of a new life.

The scene that presented itself as the beauty and youth of the High school, with faces radiant with happiness at success achieved, with ambition beaming from the eyes of the twenty-four graduates, was one of rare beauty and made glad the hearts of those who looked upon it. Twenty-four young ladies and young men had arrived at the first important mile post in life, all wondering, no doubt, as to what their future is to be. We all have much to do with the making of our lives and shaping our future, and these young people who have been so true to themselves during all these years of study will develop into useful and noble men and women.

The first number on the program, following the invocation, was the "County Fair," by the High School Chorus Class, numbering about 50. It was admirably rendered and evinced the careful training in vocalism that they had received from their instructors.

An oration by Thomas Roberts, one of the best speakers in the class, followed. His theme was "The Key to Progress."

Miss Kathleen Perkins read a delightful essay on "The Passing of the Fireside." Miss Perkins evinced deep thought and read her essay in a most pleasing manner.

Henry Abbitt, President of the Henry Clay Debating Society and a diligent student, was carefully listened to in his oration "The Antarctic Tragedy."

Miss Mabel McShane, who carried off the honors of her class, read an essay on "Modern Heroes" that captivated all present.

The address to the graduating class was delivered by Judge J. T. Hanbery. It hasn't been a great many years since the Judge started out in life to make a place for himself in the world, and he was just in the humor to tell the young people what they need today and to give them some choice bits of wisdom and

wit, tinged with valuable suggestion.

Mr. Ira L. Smith, the chairman of the board of trustees, in his usual happy manner, extended greetings to the class on behalf of the board and presented the twenty-four young ladies and gentlemen with their diplomas, and there was no one in the Tabernacle that felt gladder than he, for nobody can feel a deeper interest in the city school system and its great success than Mr. Smith.

Prof. D. A. Clark, the retiring superintendent, announced the honors and took occasion to express his appreciation of the kindness shown him by the school board and the people and the help that has cheered him during his service of four years among the children of Hopkinsville.

Below we give the class roll: Miss Mabel Clair McShane won the first honors of her class. Miss Florence Rossetter Bush took second and Miss Kathleen Williamson Perkins third.

By their diligence these three young ladies are entitled to a free scholarship in Oxford College (Ohio), the State College at Lexington, McLean College or Bethel Female College, this city. Miss McShane has first choice, Miss Bush second, Miss Perkins third choice.

The pupils of the schools gathered at their school buildings yesterday morning and after a few hours chat with their teachers and friends, got their books and supplies together and left for their homes, happy as larks and anticipating a great vacation.

This closed the 33d school year of the Hopkinsville High Schools, the greatest of all factors in making the city what it is today.

There have been but few, if any more successful years, and the future, on account of our magnificent High School building, will be greater than the good year 1912-13.

Class Roll.

Berthine Bartley, Elizabeth Olivia Brethitt, Florence Rossetter Bush, Fannie Long Campbell, Mabel Violette Cayce, Emma Leigh Cowherd, Margaret Dylitz Dalton, Mary Elizabeth Danforth, Lillian Askew Gaines, Nora Belle Golladay, Elizabeth Maud Hayes, Mabel Clair McShane, Rosa Logan Nourse, Kathleen Williamson Perkins, Lela May Wilson, William Henry Abbitt, George Harrison Cate, William Robert Cate, John Andrew Dotson, Henry Ide Eager, Thomas Daniel Roberts, Calvin Miles Thompson, Richard Herndon Waller, Oscar Lofton Mays.

THOMPSON'S BARBECUE

Annual Outing Of Tobacco Men At Nelson's Farm.

SPEECH MAKING GALORE.

Function Measured Fully Up To All Farm Occasions.

About the first of June, when the tobacco season approaches its close, Mr. J. P. Thompson, one of the most popular tobacco warehousemen of the city, for many years has been giving the buyers, warehousemen and others connected with the trade, a barbecue.

The annual function came off according to program last Thursday on the farm of Mr. B. Gordon Nelson, on "the Hooser farm." And the program was a good one. The feast consisting of barbecued lamb, shoat, and the big pot of burgoo, prepared by Gus Jaubert, of Lexington, was all that could be desired, to say nothing of the condiments served as "side attractions."

After all had eaten until they felt like they would never be hungry again, the genial host called on all who could sing to do so—and they sang. Such vocalism has never before been heard in the grove, and the birds retired thoroughly discouraged.

The reason the singing was so grand was that Col. Thompson said at the outset that nobody would be allowed to "break out" in song who had never sung before the crowned heads of Europe. Jewell Smith, whose greatest effort is "I Am Running For Sheriff," won great applause, whether it will win many votes or not. But he insists he is "on to his job," and is singing his song wherever he goes.

A new vocalist made his debut before a home audience in the person of A. C. Overshiner. Alex looked as warm as usual in that same blue shirt and when he warmed up in song somebody suggested that he had secreted a Victrola near by and that Alex wasn't singing a note but had turned Caruso loose in the Victrola. But Alex got that black cap full of applause, all right.

The surprise of the day was on

GIRLS WIN STRIKE

Telephone Employees Get Raise at Madisonville.

Madisonville, Ky., June 6.—Operators of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., practically won all they asked Tuesday in their strike for higher wages. Mayor Walter Gatlin and Judge W. C. Hopewell, representatives of the operators, and the representatives of the telephone company had been in conference at several different times, and late Tuesday afternoon came to an agreement that the company will take all operators back at the former wages within thirty days, and not later than August 1 will give the girls \$1 a day after six months' service, and other operators \$20 per month until they have served six months. The former chief, Miss Maude Sullivan, was not taken back at this office, but was offered a position at Evansville or any other city that she desired, to work at her old wage of \$30 per month, but she would not accept, as she did not think it sufficient. The girls returned to work Thursday morning.

Chas. Thacker Paroled.

Charles Thacker, who was given three years for malicious shooting and who has served nearly one year, has been paroled from the penitentiary.

Purely Personal.

Logan Green and Charles Petrie, students of the Lexington State College, are at home for the summer.

Misses Marian Dortch, of Louisville, and Marguerite McDonald, of Evansville, are visiting Miss Adelia Williamson.

Mrs. J. E. Kyzer and Miss Ruth Beazley went to Dawson this week.

Miss Alice Merritt, who has been attending college at Lexington, has returned home.

Mrs. Frank Yost and children are in Louisville visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Rogers, of Jackson, Tenn., is the guest of Mrs. D. F. Smithson.

Prof. J. W. Marion, who takes charge of the Hopkinsville Public Schools for the coming year, has arrived in the city.

Will Carloss, who has been with the Crescent Mills and the Hopkinsville Milling Company for twelve years, has accepted a position with his father-in-law, John Young.

Miss Bessie Haynes, of Howell, is visiting Miss Adelia Williamson.

Mrs. F. C. Gephart, of Evansville, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Steinkamp, of Cincinnati, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Bonte, 930 South Virginia street.

Edward Danforth, who has been attending the State College at Lexington, is at home for the summer.

Miss Virginia Booth, of Lawrenceburg, Ky., is the guest of Miss Mary Clark.

One of the pleasant social events of the week was a reception by Mrs. E. H. Barker, South Main street, last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John C. Gary and Mrs. Chas. M. Meacham, Jr., went to Morganfield Wednesday, to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

when Douglas Hancock, to fortune and to fame well known, made his initial bow before his home people, and for the first time let them know that he was a singer from "away back"—somewhere. He distinguished himself, but wants it distinctly understood that he is not open to amateur engagements, though he might close an "engagement" of another kind. When the engagement is closed he will let his friends know it.

The burgoo was an entirely new dish to Councilman Walter Harned, and the only thing about it he didn't like was that his dish was not big enough. But he got his share and part of Postmaster Williamson's, too. That was the reason that the "audienee" was cheated out of Mr. Harned's solo. He never sings on a full stomach, and he generally looks like he hasn't sung lately—at least he hasn't been heard in solos very recently.

Postmaster Williamson, when called upon for a speech, was not in his usual good humor on account of the Councilman's, taking advantage of his high office, taking an "ordinance" of his own making, in his own hands, and confiscating another man's burgoo for his own selfish "ends." Mr. Williamson made no attempt at an oration, but made a few impromptu remarks appropriate to the occasion, and finally closed by saying that there must be a foundation for everything, but as the Councilman had knocked his foundation from under him when the burgoo was on tap, he would have to be excused. He would say, however, that he is firmly of the opinion that the foundation of the postoffice building will be completed by fall, and by that time he would have a speech that would settle a Councilman's "hash," onions, and everything else.

Speeches were also made by Claude Clark, "the boy grocer," (he has been that for the last thirty years), Low Johnson, the Sheriff, and others.

Altogether the day was the most delightful one the tobacco men and other invited guests have had in many and many years, but no one enjoyed it more than the host, Mr. J. P. Thompson, and everybody wishes that his shadow may never grow less—nor his barbecues fewer.